



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Caltrans Transportation Art Program: Four Mobile Murals Unveiled

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WHAT: Unveiling of four vandal-resistant mural replicas of George Sportelli's "Tony Curtis," Ruben Soto's "I Know Who I Am," Frank Romero's "Going to the Olympics," and John Wehrle's "Galileo, Jupiter and Apollo" along the Hollywood Freeway (US 101) between Grand Avenue and Alameda Street.

WHEN: Monday, August 22, 10 a.m.

WHERE: Downtown Los Angeles, on the Los Angeles St. bridge above US 101.

Damage caused by vandals along Los Angeles freeways costs Caltrans millions of dollars annually. In many cases vandals have targeted freeway murals. To combat such vandalism, the Caltrans Transportation Art Program, working in conjunction with Wells Fargo, Metro, and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps has initiated the second phase of the Mural Preservation Demonstration Project which is implementing new and innovative strategies to improve freeway aesthetics, reduce disruptions to traffic, and increase work zone safety at no cost to taxpayers.

VISUALS: The murals can be viewed from the Main St., Los Angeles St., Spring St., Broadway, and Grand Ave. bridges above US 101.

